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REV. J. J. FLEMING,

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of the Address for publication.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHARLOTTE, June 13, 1850.  
REV. AND DEAR SIR:—At a meeting of the officers of the Mecklenburg County Bible Society, auxiliary to the American Bible Society, held on the 13th instant, the following resolution offered by Gen. J. A. Young, was unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Society call upon the Rev. Mr. Fleming, and the officers and members of the Society, request a copy of the Address delivered by him at our late anniversary meeting, for publication in the Charlotte papers.

Permit me to add, that in complying with the request contained in the above resolution, you will not only afford a high gratification to all officers and members of the Society, but the address will thereby be placed in the hands of hundreds who had not the pleasure of hearing it delivered, and be the means of impressing in their minds a proper feeling and sent in behalf of the Bible cause, which is now considered one of the most efficient means of the enlightenment and conversion of the world. Very respectfully yours,

N. B. TAYLOR, Secy. M. B. S.

Rev. J. J. FLEMING.

CHARLOTTE, June 15th, 1850.  
DEAR SIR:—In compliance with the request of your board of officers, presented in writing of the 13th inst., I herewith enclose an outline of my remarks at the late anniversary of the Mecklenburg Bible Society. If it is thought that their publication will in any way the blessed cause which your Society is so actively engaged, I can have no possible objection.

With grateful acknowledgments for the flattering notice which your Society has taken of so humble an effort to advance its claims.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully yours,  
JULIUS J. FLEMING,  
P. TAYLOR, Esq., Secy. M. B. S.

ADDRESS.

Mr. President, and Christian Friends:  
I am glad to meet the friends of the Bible under circumstances so auspicious as the present. The cause which concerns us is of no ordinary interest. A nobler, finer, bolder, cannot be found. Its importance cannot be too highly estimated. And congratulate you sir!—I congratulate this Society, on the flattering encouragement which it is this day presented, in the assemblage of beauty, intelligence, and new congregated in the sanctuary of interest which is felt by "good old Mecklenburg" in the spread of the Scriptures, and that the full and united support of the community is given to this association, whose anniversary we this day celebrate—sentiment which I trust will be fully endorsed by the generous contributions of this meeting.

I regard this Society as a part—a most important part too—of that vast machinery which the zeal and piety of the 19th century has set in motion. I regard the American Bible Society, as the masterpiece in the entire system which aims at the religious improvement of our race. Sunday Schools are important as nurseries of piety, and auxiliaries to the church of God. Tract Societies important as channels of light and life, scattering through their hulky messengers seed of the kingdom far and near over the land. Missions are important—they cross seas and desert plains; they plant the standard of Immanuel in the wilderness, and publish the glad tidings of salvation, "from Greenland's icy mountains, to India's coral coast." But what are they all without the Bible? From this volume they all derive their energy and influence, their usefulness, and glory. The Book of God is the eternal rock upon which all these voluntary associations stand, and from which they derive their authority, and sanction. Without this no enterprise can, in this respect, do good to man, or bring glory to God.

The Bible is not only "the best classic"—it is the most ancient volume in existence. It commences its history from creation's dawn, when "the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy." It chronicles and describes events of which we have no other record. All other writings of a remote antiquity have been lost ages rolled away. The world, in its every portion, has had its mighty intellects, with whose productions it has been instructed and delighted. But the generations have passed away, and with them the volumes which they read have mouldered into dust. The scholar and the poet, the historian and the philosopher, have obeyed the mandate of mysterious destiny, and gone to the land of spirits where the creation of mind is stamped with eternity. Their names and their works for the most part are forgotten—time reducing them all to inevitable oblivion. But the Bible stands like a tower on the waste of ages, solitary, grand, and impregnable. The lapse of centuries, the constant succession of generations, chasing each other from the stage—the extinction of names and nations—the rise and fall of empires—the fluctuations in popular sentiment—the revolutions in human governments—the rush and union of every

element under which all other fabrics have fallen; have left the Bible unscathed, untouched—pure, beautiful, serene; perfect amid the wrecks and ruins of fifty centuries, it stands to-day no emblem of that heaven to which it points. Surviving all the gloom and glory of the past—unclouded by either the golden or the dark ages, its preservation is an evidence of its divine origin, and proclaims it to be more than the Book of God. It has survived the national apostasy and dispersion of the Jews—the disastrous gloom of the middle ages, and the subtle encroachments of modern infidelity. It has floated triumphantly over the refined and persecuting philosophies of every age, and the voluptuous idolatries of the Eastern world. It has opposed systems and creeds which were nurtured in the lap of antiquity and powerfully entrenched in the prejudices of men, and however long the struggle, its victory has been final and complete.

Its antiquity, however, is not its only distinguishing excellence. It surpasses all human productions in purity, elegance, and majestic simplicity. Where is delineated a more sublime morality? Where is indicated a more sublime piety? The writings of Socrates and Plato present no parallel to the splendid ethics which the Bible teaches.—Where will you find poetry more lofty, original, and rich? Homer and Virgil, Snakes and Milton, the bards of the ancient and the modern world, have entailed upon their posterity legacies of beautiful thought—but what are their highest flights compared with the heavenly aspirations of inspired men!

What are they compared with the glowing imagery of Isaiah, the earnest psalm of Jeremiah, or the voice of melody from the "sweet-singer of Israel?"

The Bible cause claims your support. It fixes its claims not upon the intrinsic excellence or beauty of the Scriptures alone, but chiefly upon the fact that this volume is the only chart of life, the only book in which we have a clear testimony to an eternal inheritance. And what is man, in all his pomp and pride, disrobed of mortality?—Clay!—dust and ashes! corruption's heir!—the painted hero that starts his moment on the stage and then is gone forever—and gone to drink of the living streams that water the gardens of God—gone not to live again in a purer, happier state, but gone to oblivion and forgetfulness; stricken like some benignant star from its place in heaven, and swept in endless night. The assurance of a life to come gives man his true dignity in the scale of being. Terminate his existence at the grave, and he is at best but a gilded worm. But bridge for him the Lethian wave—cong the captain and let the light of eternity blaze upon his features and his is a splendid destiny, you make angels his brethren, and he becomes the friend and companion of the Most High.

But I would direct your attention to the influence of the Bible cause upon our national character and destiny. Religion does not destroy our patriotism—it does not forfeit our abiding honest pride as American citizens in the political greatness of our native land. I look back with interest upon America when the red man roamed untutored through her forests, free and untrammeled as the eagle or the deer. I look back with interest upon America when the fest of the pilgrims first touched the fozen shores of New England, and their ploughshares entered her virgin soil. I contemplate with interest the days of Clay whilst WASHINGTON himself yet stood at the helm of State, surrounded by his great peers; a reverence inspired during his life, and deepened by every year added to the memory of his services and his virtues.

The last paragraph of the Letter, though most grateful to us from so respectable a source—as are those others of a like character which we have lately received—we should have omitted, would it not have been a mere effacement to desire to be thought indifferent to such compensation for services which nothing but a sense of duty could have sustained us in. We therefore give the letter entire:

MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,  
June 8, 1850.

MESSES GALE & SEATON: I have taken the liberty to commit to you the enclosed donation, which you will do me the favor to have applied to the Washington Monument. I am now in my eighty-first year; and no event in latter years has given me so much pleasure as the foundation of this long-delayed Monument to the honor of the Father of his Country. We can never sufficiently admire the character, estimate the services, or revere the memory of Gen. WASHINGTON. During a long life, in which I have watched the current of the events with deep interest, I have never known a period when good and honorable men of all parties were so ingeniously called upon to invoke his example and his teachings as the present; and, among many embarrassing difficulties, I have not yet despaired that his example and his teachings would finally triumph.

You will accept the gratuity thus from a reader of thirty years' standing, that you have not failed to impress the doctrines and inculcate on your countrymen the spirit of Washington.

Very respectfully and truly,

ROBERT DAVIDSON.

The amount enclosed in this Letter from our venerable friend was twenty-dollars; in acknowledging which, we had yesterday the pleasure of transmitting to him a certificate of Life-Membership in the Washington National Monument Association.—Nat. Int.

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